

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, September 16, 2013, 4:30pm, at the Parks Office (Kalberer Rd). Present at said meeting were Richard Shockley, Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannelly and Aimee Jacobsen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Bess Witcosky, and Dan Dunten represented the department. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen and Cheryl Kolb from the department. Also present was David Meihls and Levi Richter from ADA Consultants of Indiana.

Pat convened the Board at 4:33pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2013 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- Joe thanked all that attended and supported the Park Board Picnic this afternoon

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Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The 18th annual Global Fest was held on Saturday, August 31. Prior to that, the Naturalization Ceremony was held at 2pm on Friday, and due to the extremely hot weather it was moved to University Church. The church was air conditioned and large enough to hold 500 people so it worked out well. Isako likubo was the speaker for the ceremony; she has been a part of Global Fest in the past – she always did the Japanese Tea Ceremony.

Attendance at Global Fest was down this year, I believe in part due to the extremely hot weather and maybe the threat of rain. We did have to cancel outdoor activities twice during the event – once around 3 pm we had to move everyone inside due to heavy rain and then again around 7:30 pm due to lightning.

There are some issues that need to be addressed on whether to continue with Global Fest, one issue is that the parking is very limited and the other is that after 20 years our original equipment is starting to wear out so some capital money is going to have to be invested if we continue.

- Adult softball finished the week of August 19. We had 12 men's teams and 32 coed teams.

- Chris and I will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Houston October 7-11.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections are available
- Continue to winterize the pool
- Staff set up and tore down for another successful Global Fest and Art on the Wabash
- Finished installing trailhead signs along the Wabash Heritage Trail
- Slowly catching up on some equipment that needed repaired

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- Registrations are now being accepted for all the Fall classes.
- Brochures were mailed at the end of August. Priority registration was given to mail-in registrations with all other forms of registration beginning on September 5.
- The Fall Volleyball program for Grades 4, 5 & 6 will start this Saturday, September 21. Annie Dooley, a West Lafayette Volleyball alumnus, will be offering instructions.
- Mark Acher is offering two new training programs designed to get novice and experienced runners ready for the Purdue half-marathon and the 5K races in October.
- We have been working with the Clerk-Treasurer on the new City financial software. The software will allow for more reporting and less paperwork.

Morton Center – Bess reported on the following:

- 'POP in to Morton' was held on September 5, and was a success and a good start for the fall classes. We had 50 guests, and 16 instructors and some students that did demonstrations, and from those we had 18 enroll in classes. Those in attendance said they heard about the event from Facebook, Just Kidding and the trail kiosks posters.
- Fall classes have started. Many instructors are commenting that they are "seeing a lot of new faces". Some of our new classes that are up and running are Spanish and Russian for kids, and Ballroom Bootcamp.

Stewardship – Dan reported on the following:

- We hosted one of the two State Tree Steward Training sessions last week at Lilly Nature Center and had people from as far away as Richmond and Indianapolis attend. Twenty-five people received the training, and we have already secured a couple of them as volunteers for some of our programs.
- As a result of discussions with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Purdue staff, we determined that it would be a benefit if additional fish could be released into Celery Bog. This would hopefully relieve some of the pressure on the bluegill and yellowbelly catfish that are trying to build up their numbers as a result of last summer's drought. A couple Saturday's ago we hired a company to release 1200 blackhead minnows into the wetland and these were paid for entirely by the Sycamore Audubon Society.
- Three Eagle Scout projects were completed this summer with another one starting up next month. These finished projects include: 1. The installation of drainage tile and four benches in a new trail that was created in our savanna. 2. Bench seating for an Outdoor Classroom. 3. 12' x 24' platform (stage area) for the Outdoor Classroom. All three of these will meet ADA requirements when work is completely finished.

Old Business - None**New Business****Municipal Pool Exception**

Pennie stated that the Municipal Pool is ADA compliant except for the "baby pool". David Miehl of ADA Consultants of Indiana stated that the pool can be the first facility in the City that is fully compliant. It is compliant except for the pool for ages 3 and under. What is required is an accessible entrance. The pool is only approximately twelve inches deep and it has a ten-inch high barrier around the pool. The ramp requirement to meet ADA would make the pool unusable, which is why we need an exception. Anytime you use an exception, the owners have to sign off and you have to have good justification on why you are not making it compliant. A pool lift is intended to be used by the person that needs to use it themselves and this pool intended for those under the age of three, and a lift is not appropriate. A step design requires a minimum depth that we do not meet. The ramp was our only option but that would be taking the pool away from everyone and that is not the intention of the ADA. Therefore, we believe we are well within our right to claim an exception and that is what the Appendix B is about. The Board is the owner of the pool, and since it is an ADA issue, we are also asking the Board of Works to sign the document. Pat made a motion to accept the recommendations from ADA Consultants of Indiana. John seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Richard thanked David for all the work he has done on ADA for the community.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- The 2014-15 School Calendar was approved at their last meeting.

Wabash River

- Richard reported that a new board member was added to the Board. Tim Sands will now be on the Board representing Purdue University.

Other

Joe received a request from Tekoa Geswein, Second Wind Health and Fitness, to offer a twelve-week jump-start program to individuals into healthy living. She would like to use some of our parks and trails. The Department does not have a policy. He told her we would like a Certificate of Insurance. She is charging a fee to provide the health and fitness services. She provided certification and information. Joe is just bringing it to the attention of the Board. After discussion, the Board asked Andy to come up with a recommendation for a policy for consideration in the future.

Resolution BPR 01-13

Pennie requested approval to transfer \$500 from Parks 54-444 NRC-Pool Other Equipment to 54-290 to Parks NRC-Pool Other Supplies. Aimee motioned to approve the transfer. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Peck-Trachtman Park

The staff would like to replace the Apollo at Peck-Trachtman due to maintenance issues. Pennie showed two designs of replacement equipment – one from Miracle Midwest and the other from Parkreation. Joe stated that we have \$18,700 left in an Economic Development Income Tax Park Improvements appropriation this year. After some discussion, the Board requested that if the Apollo is to be replaced, it be replaced with similar type equipment. Joe just wants to make sure the funds are encumbered before the end of the year.

Pay Claims

Pat motioned for claims to be paid. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary